

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/290,170, filed April 13, 1999 (now abandoned).

Pages 35-37, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 35, line 20 to page 37, line 6, replace the paragraph with:

Fig. 12 is a view showing a case that a plurality of alternating current systems are connected by direct current power transmission lines such that Far East system 22, China system 23 and Vietnam system 122 are connected by interconnection lines for example. Here, the system 23 is provided with power generating equipment 12c and power storage equipment 126 which make the system 23 take the balance between the supply and demand of electric energy within the system 23. The system 23 is also provided with facilities which set the maximum output of the power storage equipment 126 and the maximum output of the power generating equipment 12c greater than the maximum value of the load 12f. As a result, even when the interchange from other alternating current system 22 becomes impossible due to a failure of the

direct current power transmission system, the balance of supply and demand of electric energy in the alternating current system 23 can be maintained. Furthermore, for enhancing the reliability of the electricity power supply, even when the transaction of power between the alternating current system 23 and the other alternating current system 22 or the system 122 suddenly becomes impossible, the input and output and the stored amount of the power storage equipment 126 and the excess power of the power generating equipment 12c are ensured so that the balance of supply and demand of the electric energy can be maintained within the system 23. Furthermore, when the reliability is ensured with respect to the supply of electricity from the system 22 to the system 23 by way of the direct current power transmission system 127 for example, even if the transmission and receiving of power between the system 122 and the system 23 are stopped, the input and output and the stored amount of the power storage equipment 126 and the an excess power of the power generating equipment 12c are ensured. Furthermore, at the time of emergency such as a sudden stop of the direct current power transmission systems 127, 128, instead of carrying out the transaction of electric energy between the system 22 and the

system 23 for example, other energy such as gas or petroleum is transacted, thus enabling the transmitting and receiving of energy which meets the preliminarily concluded contract. The description above also applies to system 22 which has power storage equipment ~~126~~124, power generation equipment 12a and load ~~12f~~12d. Similarly, system 122 has power storage equipment 125, power generating equipment 12b and load 12e.